

STURT CLEAR ON LADDER

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt today clearly established themselves as league leaders when they threw back the Eagles' challenge to win by 47 points at Unley.

AT A GLANCE

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	4-4	6-9	14-13	17-18	120
Glen.	4-3	6-5	9-8	11-14	80

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Bunton, Woolford, R. Oatey, Vertudaches, Redden, Inglis, Brewer, Anderson, Molloy. **GLENELG:** McGowan, Linke, Schumacher, Edwards, Kendall, Long, Phillis, Richens.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Brewer 6.2, Bunton 4.2, R. Oatey 2.5, Anderson 2.3, Wedding 1.1, Modra 1.0, Abbott 1.0, P. Oatey 0.2, Chapman 0.2, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Schumacher 4.3, McGowan 2.2, Morony 2.0, Button 1.2, Cahill 1.0, Anesbury 1.0, Long 0.2, Mills 0.2, Rosewarne 0.1, Richens 0.1, Parker 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Abbott (hip) by Hillman, last term. **GLENELG:** Rowe (concussion) by Button, half time.

UMPIRE—M. Posa.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-4	7-7	14-9	17-14	116
Torr.	3-0	6-0	7-1	11-3	69

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Tilbrook, Miels, Chessell, Murphy, Rigney, Clarkson, Adcock, Halbert. **TORRENS:** Kingston, Butler, Lee, Bills, Mulvihill, Pill, Gibson.

SCORERS—STURT: Halbert 4-3, Martin 4-0, Tilbrook 3.2, Clarkson 2.1, Chessell 2.0, Miels 2.0, Dunn 0.3, Bagshaw 0.1, Schoff 0.1, Clarke 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** Mulvihill 5.0, Kingston 2.2, Lee 2.1, Head 1.0, Clarke 1.0.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: None. **TORRENS:** Lawson (cramp) by Wildy, third term. Miller (flu) by Clarke, last term.

UMPIRE—Ken Cunningham.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-3	6-8	7-9	11-12	78
Wdv.	2-2	2-3	4-4	4-7	31

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Salmon, Elleway, T. Obst, Nyland, Gill, Freeman, Cahill. **WOODVILLE:** Allen, P. Obst, Kneebone, Hansch, Braidwood, Christie, Jackson.

SCORERS—PORT: Freeman 5.2, Gill 4.2, McKay 1.1, Haslam 1.0, Mead 0.3, Cahill 0.1, Potter 0.1, Salmon 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Atkinson 1.1, Bradley 1.0, Roache 1.0, Hoffman 1.0, P. Obst 0.2, Braidwood 0.2, Hodges 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Cooper (thigh muscle) by Hastings, first term. McKay (knee) by Talman, third term. **WOODVILLE:** Baker (shoulder) by Sparrow, half time.

UMPIRE—M. E. Ducker.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-7	7-9	11-13	16-15	111
Cent.	3-1	4-6	5-8	8-12	60

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Day, Hughes, Pannenberg, Shueard, Hooper, Thompson, Roach, Bertelsmeier. **CENTRALS:** Grlusich, Stutley, Medhurst, Edmonds, Chenoweth, Eustice, Findlay.

SCORERS—WEST: Pannenberg 3-2, Burkett 3-1, Jamieson 2.2, McNerney 2.1, Bertelsmeier 1.1, Hooper 1.1, Roach 1.0, Shueard 0.3, Llewellyn 0.1, rushed 0.2. **CENTRAL:** Grlusich 4.2, Medhurst 2.1, Barron 1.1, Eustice 1.0, Smith 0.2, Kemp 0.1, Daly 0.1, Burns 0-1, McGee 0.1, Kennedy 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: None. **CENTRAL:** Morey (shoulder), by Davis, three-quarter time. Medhurst by Burns, last term.

UMPIRE—D. Foster.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-8	2-9	5-12	8-16	64
South	0-1	1-7	3-9	7-9	51

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Ryan, Phillips, Don Lindner, Stringer, Robinson, T. Lindner, Paull. **SOUTH:** Kerley, Kantilla, Thredgold, Roberts, White, Judd.

SCORERS—NORTH: Coleman 3.5, Phillips 2.3, Ryan 1.2, Anderson 1.1, Gilmour 1.0, Page 0.2, Cearnis 0.1, Dixon 0.1, Taylor 0.1. **SOUTH:** White 2.3, Roberts 2.0, Skuse 1.2, Thredgold 1.0, Whitford 1.0, Kantilla 0.1, Bais 0.1, B. Foster 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Ryan (knee) by Page, last term. **SOUTH:** Schmidt (shoulder) by W. Foster, second term.

UMPIRE—R. C. Hall.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

W.	L.	Points		Prem.	Pts.	
		For	Agst.			
Sturt	5	1	637	424	10	60.04
Torrens	4	2	561	419	8	57.24
Port	4	2	504	394	8	56.12
South	4	2	499	425	8	54.00
North	4	2	462	444	8	50.99
Norwood	3	3	489	518	6	48.56
West	2	4	452	545	4	45.31
Centrals	2	4	441	574	4	43.45
Woodville	1	5	425	538	2	44.13
Glenelg	1	5	416	605	2	40.74

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Mtchs.	Ttl.
Brewer (Norwood)	6-2	6	28-11
Howlett (South)	5	6	18-6
Freeman (Port)	5-2	5	16-13
Halbert (Sturt)	4-3	6	15-14
Coleman (North)	3-5	5	15-13
Sims (West)	3-1	6	15-13
Mulvihill (Torrens)	5-0	3	14-3
Grlusich (Centrals)	4-2	6	13-8
Bunton (Norwood)	4-2	6	13-8
Marton (Sturt)	4-0	5	13-6

The form reversals that have marked this season so far continued when North, outclassed last week by Sturt, beat South by 13 points in a heavily defensive game at Adelaide.

West Adelaide struck top form to win by the day's widest margin, 51 points, from Centrals at Richmond.

At the Bay, Norwood supporters breathed more easily when the Redlegs kicked eight goals in the third quarter, and won by 40 points.

For three quarters at Alberton, Eric Freeman was the difference between the two sides, but Woodville's game faltered in the last quarter and Port won by 47 points.

Decisive

Sturt's strength and drive away from the ruck and a half-forward line that kicked nine of its 17 goals, were the deciding factors at Unley.

Torrens stayed in the game by kicking straight in the first half, but then went down before the consistent power of the

Blues' teamwork.

North's shake-up after last week's debacle against Sturt produced a performance more in keeping with the side's potential.

South were disorganised by the loss of Schmidt at half-time with a shoulder injury, but the writing was on the wall before this.

North matched the Panthers in ruck and after a strong opening by Pascoe, won across centre.

No closer

A marathon second half by Kerley brought South to within nine points late in the game but they could get no closer.

North attained fifth position as a result of this win but they are now level with Torrens, Port, and South all with four wins.

The Red - and - Whites tackle Norwood at Norwood and Port at Prospect in their next two games.

Although Bill Wedding was not a force at Glenelg, the Redlegs rovers generated sufficient power to get Norwood out of trouble at the Bay.

In sixth position and trailing North by one game, Norwood have the chance to bridge the gap next Saturday.

Bunton and Oatey were the Redlegs' matchwinners today but North against South showed a brand of quick, hard tackling that could stifle this power.

Guide game

The meeting of Port and Torrens at Thebarton next week will also be a guide to the comparative strength of two of the leaders.

The Eagles had few players in form today but Sturt at Unley are a tough proposition.

Port could be weakened by the absence of Cooper, another State squad member injured today. In view of Kingston's current form, this could be a serious loss.

West will test their newfound confidence and determination against South at Adelaide.

In their only previous game at headquarters, the Red and Blacks won well against Woodville.

The changes they made today looked full of promise and South could be in for another hard game.

At Elizabeth, Central Districts will be hoping for the turn of the tide.

So far this year they have found it hard to play up to the reputation they established as the underdogs last season.

The added burden of being favorites has introduced a tension that did not exist before, throwing a greater strain on the more experienced players

Redleg burst only feature

By BOB HANK

After being well held by the Tigers in the first half, Bunton brilliantly led the Redlegs to a comfortable win at Glenelg Oval.

Feature of the match was Norwood's 8-4 burst in the third term.

Taking first use of a slight breeze, Norwood were hard pushed to hold the Tigers, who began confidently through new centreman Redford and slightly-built rove Schumacher.

Woolford marked well in defence for the Redlegs and once Wedding and Bunton began to co-operate Norwood went forward.

Safe overhead work by Brewer and nippy ground play by the Oatey brothers had them on equal terms with Glenelg.

Edwards gave the Tigers some bite from his wing, but as the second quarter got under way, Inglis got on top at centre.

Although heavily felled early in the piece, Redleg winger Vertudaches came back strongly to give Norwood his customary drive.

Both half-forward lines were battling to pay their way.

Occasional bursts from Redleg flankers Peter Oatey and Anderson paid better dividends than Glenelg's attacks through their flanks.

Scrambly

Brewer was well held by Johnson during this term. With Long upsetting

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Norw'd	4-4	6-9	14-13	17-18	120
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Wedding's leaping with his experienced body-work, it was left to Bunton to add the goals for Norwood.

Late in the term goals to McGowan and wingman Cahill put Glenelg back on terms and gave promise of a close contest.

To this stage much of the play had been scramble—due to panicky disposal and ferocious tackling by both sides.

Norwood overdid the handball and this kept the game at close quarters.

Button replaced Rowe at full forward at half time and immediately he goaled from a disputed free and gave the Tigers the lead.

Brewer replied with two goals—one from a brilliant pass from winger Modra, the other from a shorter but just as perfect pass from Bob Oatey.

Button relieved Long in ruck but the Tigers spoilt chances of getting even by missing relatively easy shots.

They proved costly, for from this point the Redlegs began a brilliant burst that netted them four quick goals.

Brilliant handball, excellent backing-up and accurate kicking to the man and for goal yielded a

great harvest.

A feast

Wedding put the ball in the right place for Bunton and Oatey.

The centre line swarmed over the Tigers.

The Redleg forwards had a sudden feast.

The Norwood half-back line turned the Tigers out and only a couple of goals sneaked through by Schumacher interrupted the Redleg upsurge.

The six-goal deficit at the last change looked too much for Glenelg to overcome, but quick goals to Anesbury and Morony gave Tiger supporters some glimmer of a fight-back.

The Norwood defence loosened somewhat and although quickly stiffened by the quick thinking and anticipation of Bunton, Norwood still gave Glenelg the chance.

Glenelg, too, missed their chances, and with the quarter half over, goals to Bob Oatey and Brewer sealed their fate.

The small men of both sides were dominant.

The constructive play of Bunton and Oatey, plus the presence of Brewer, gave the Redlegs the lever that finally prized open the Glenelg defence.

THE LEADERS

- 9—Grlusich (Centrals).
- 7—Head (Torrens).
- 6—Hicks, (Sturt).
- Kerley (South), Anderson (North).
- 5—Bagshaw (Sturt), Gould (Torrens), Long (Glenelg), Day (West).
- 4—Adcock (Sturt), D. Lindner (North), Cooper (Port), Wedding (Norwood), Dixon (North), Bills

- (Torrens), Pascoe
- (South), Taylor
- (North), Schmidt
- (South).

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TROPHY

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	9,068
Alberton	6,360
Glenelg	8,323
Unley	15,673
Richmond	2,750
	42,174

NEXT WEEK

- South v. West (Adelaide).
- Centrals v. Sturt (Elizabeth).
- Norwood v. North (Norwood).
- Torrens v. Port (Thebarton).
- Woodville v. Glenelg (Woodville).